

Edinburgh. The service was attended by several from the surrounding congregations of Earltown, West Branch and Cape John.—*Col. Standard.*

III. IN P. E. ISLAND.

As we announced last week, a very warm and cordial greeting was given to the Revds. R. H. Muir and Mr. Playfair in the Manse of St. James', on Monday last. There were present besides the Minister of St. James, the Revds. Alex. Munro, of Brown's Creek; Alex. McLean, Belfast; S. C. Gunn, West River; M. Paradis, Grand Falls; D. McNeill, Sec. of the Board of Education; W. R. Watson, Esq., Sheriff; Ex-Mayor Rankin, Hon. James Duncan and Arch. Kennedy and John Scott, Esqrs. Later in the evening Professor Pollok, of Halifax; the Rev. John Goodwill, and the Rev. J. M. McLeod, of Zion Church, had a conference with these gentlemen. Letters of apology and of regret that they could not attend arrived from brethren at a distance.

Having assembled, Rev. Mr. Duncan in a few appropriate words, and in the name of all present, welcomed the Scottish Fathers to our shores, assuring them of the satisfaction felt at having the Convener and his brother member of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland amongst us—a satisfaction that was shared by all, and dwelling especially upon the happy and prosperous termination of the Union negotiations of the Presbyterian Churches in Canada—a Union the great and good results of which we could yet scarcely be said to realize or begin to reap.

Mr. Muir replied feelingly to the warm and cordial reception given to his brother minister and himself. He came in an unofficial capacity; but he was delighted with what he saw; realizing fully that he had arrived at a most interesting period of the Churches history—just at the consummation of the great Union. The result of this Union he would watch with the deepest interest, as would every true hearted Presbyterian abroad. Mr. Muir then referred to the deep interest taken in this union by the Mother Church in Scotland; asking the brethren to state freely any suggestion as to the wants or working of

the Church on the Island, and assuring them of such hearty co-operation as he could command.

The Rev. A. McLean, Belfast, followed, reiterating the sentiments of welcome, and thanking the Convener for his hearty sympathy. Our great want on the Island was a Female Seminary. In this Mr. Muir could render invaluable assistance. The necessity of such an institution was keenly felt. An effort had already been made, but, from certain causes connected with the financial crisis at that time, it had broken down. Now was a fit and proper time to resume operations, and there was no doubt that, with the assistance of the Church in the Old Land, such a boon could be obtained. Besides would not such a help as he proposed bind our church and people to the churches at home?

Most of the brethren spoke to this topic, and quite an animated conversation ensued.

This matter discussed, Mr. Paradis, being requested by the brethren made a few very interesting statements connected with the progress of French Evangelization—referring particularly to the work of Father Chiniquy, and giving a few experiences of his own.

The Rev. A. Munro gave the guests a very hearty welcome. None were more glad to see them than he was. He was delighted with union and could assure them that feeling was very general amongst the people.

Mr. Muir then summed up, acknowledging fully the great need for such an institution as that referred to in the previous conversation, as well as the fact that this want is fully realized by the churches of Scotland, and concluded by pointing out the way which application for aid might be made. Again Mr. Muir referred to the pleasure this short visit had afforded to his brother traveller and himself, wishing the brethren God speed in their labors, and stating the quickened interest he should now feel in all concerning the cause of Christ here.

The Rev. Mr. Gunn closed by stating his joy at the realization of Union. He had desired to see that from his very earliest recollection, and had no doubt of its being one of the greatest benefits centred upon the Presbyterian cause throughout all Canada.